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MARGARINE PRODUCTION  
May 1948

The amount of margarine produced in the United States during May 1948 was 79,118,000 pounds, as shown by compilation of reports received from all margarine manufacturers.

May 1948 production was 42,065,000 pounds more than that of May 1947 and 37,566,000 pounds more than the May average for the 5 years, 1943-47.

Of the total amount produced 78,290,000 pounds, or 99 percent, were manufactured from vegetable oils only and 828,000 pounds or 1 percent, from animal and vegetable oils. Coloring was added to 9 percent, or 6,988,000 pounds of the margarine produced leaving 72,130,000 pounds uncolored.

| Date                          | Production of margarine containing |         |                |         |         |   | Total   |   |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---|---------|---|---------|
|                               | Animal and                         |         | Vegetable oils |         |         |   |         |   |         |
|                               | vegetable oils                     |         | Vegetable oils |         |         |   |         |   |         |
|                               | Uncolored                          | Colored | Uncolored      | Colored |         |   |         |   |         |
| - Thousands of pounds -       |                                    |         |                |         |         |   |         |   |         |
| May 1948.....:                | 828                                | :       | -              | :       | 71,302  | : | 6,988   | : | 79,118  |
| May 1947.....:                | 1,283                              | :       | 35             | :       | 31,490  | : | 4,246   | : | 37,053  |
| May 5-yr.<br>average 1943-47: | 1,653                              | :       | 968            | :       | 31,124  | : | 7,807   | : | 41,552  |
| 1947                          |                                    |         |                |         |         |   |         |   |         |
| June.....:                    | 1,215                              | :       | 44             | :       | 37,182  | : | 2,519   | : | 40,960  |
| July.....:                    | 1,379                              | :       | 16             | :       | 43,298  | : | 3,929   | : | 48,622  |
| August.....:                  | 1,379                              | :       | 63             | :       | 44,260  | : | 3,325   | : | 49,027  |
| September.....:               | 2,138                              | :       | 68             | :       | 59,834  | : | 4,622   | : | 66,662  |
| October.....:                 | 2,418                              | :       | 87             | :       | 77,687  | : | 6,001   | : | 86,193  |
| November.....:                | 1,727                              | :       | 7              | :       | 70,107  | : | 8,976   | : | 80,817  |
| December.....:                | 2,032                              | :       | 72             | :       | 70,109  | : | 6,244   | : | 78,457  |
| 1948                          |                                    |         |                |         |         |   |         |   |         |
| January.....:                 | 2,320                              | :       | 100            | :       | 77,731  | : | 7,621   | : | 87,772  |
| February.....:                | 1,787                              | :       | 53             | :       | 71,555  | : | 6,350   | : | 79,745  |
| March.....:                   | 1,247                              | :       | 42             | :       | 64,476  | : | 5,794   | : | 71,559  |
| April.....:                   | 558                                | :       | -              | :       | 66,756  | : | 6,369   | : | 73,683  |
| Yearly Totals                 |                                    |         |                |         |         |   |         |   |         |
| Total 1947.....:              | 20,919                             | :       | 654            | :       | 661,411 | : | 55,725  | : | 738,709 |
| Total 1946.....:              | 16,321                             | :       | 1,533          | :       | 498,419 | : | 56,379  | : | 572,652 |
| Total 1945.....:              | 24,438                             | :       | 9,540          | :       | 490,881 | : | 89,124  | : | 613,983 |
| Total 1944.....:              | 33,875                             | :       | 10,654         | :       | 446,312 | : | 92,925  | : | 583,766 |
| Total 1943.....:              | 45,765                             | :       | 7,957          | :       | 447,883 | : | 108,526 | : | 610,131 |

Margarine stocks, May 1, 1948

Preliminary figures from the Bureau of Internal Revenue show that on May 1, 1948 stocks of margarine totalled 9,220 pounds colored and 3,215,689 pounds uncolored.

